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EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PINS, CB  
SUBJ: KHMER "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT" ALLEGEDLY FORMED IN PARIS

1. A CAMBODIAN REFUGEE HAS GIVEN US A COPY OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF A  
"GOVERNMENT PROVISoire DU MOUVEMENT DE LIBERATION KHMERE",  
ALLEGEDLY PREPARED AND DISSEMINATED "SECRETLY" JANUARY 8, 1978,  
IN PARIS. REFUGEE RECEIVED THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY LETTER, HE CLAIMED  
WITHOUT EXPLANATION, FROM THE "JEUNES OBSERVATEURS KHMERS",  
BOITE POSTAL 163 PARIS, 14.

2. COMPOSITION OF THE "PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT" IS:  
PRIME MINISTER - SON SANN  
VICE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS - SIM VAR  
VICE MINISTER IN CHARGE OF ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE - SOK CHHONG  
MINISTER OF DEFENSE - GENERAL SAK SUTHSAKHAN  
MINISTER FOR COORDINATION OF THE FRONT AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF  
THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERATION - GENERAL DIEN DEL  
MINISTER OF FINANCE - HENG KIM Y  
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MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND INDUSTRY - PIN YATHAY  
MINISTER OF HEALTH - KEO SAN  
MINISTER OF SOCIAL ACTION AND CULTURE - IN TAM  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND INFORMATION - LOK SEM  
SECRETARY OF STATE IN CHARGE OF AGRICULTURE IN THE LIBERATED  
ZONE - EAR NGUON

3. WE HAVE FOLLOWING INFORMATION OR IMPRESSIONS OF THOSE ON LIST: (A) SON SANN, OVER 70, NOW IN PARIS, A SIHANOUKIST, FORMER PM UNDER SIHANOUK AND ONETIME HEAD OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF CAMBODIA. WHEN SIHANOUK WAS OUSTED, SON SANN WENT TO FRANCE, WHERE HE HAS REMAINED UNTIL THE PRESENT. HE IS THUS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH EITHER FORMER PM LON NOL OR WITH THE PRESENT REGIME. HE IS VERY WELL-KNOWN, REGARDED BY SOME AS INDECISIVE. HE IS THOUGHT TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSOCIATION GENERALE DES KHMER DANS L'ETRANGER. (B) SIM VAR - FORMER PM FOR SIHANOUK IN THE FIFTIES, BUT BROKE WITH SIHANOUK AND HELD NO POSITIONS IN SIHANOUK GOVERNMENTS IN THE SIXTIES. WAS AN ADVISOR TO LON NOL. NOW ABOUT 72. HE IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOUVEMENT DE LIBERATION KHMERE (MOULKHMER). (C) SOK CHHONG - UNDER SIHANOUK FORMER PM, FORMER FINANCE MINISTER, GOVERNOR OF NATIONAL BANK AND, UNDER LON NOL, A DEPUTY PM. ASSOCIATED WITH MOULKHMER. (D) GENERAL SAK SUTHSAKHAN - IN U.S., REGARDED AS GOOD OFFICER. WAS CHIEF OF STAFF UNDER LON NOL AND CHIEF OF STATE THE FINAL THREE DAYS OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC. IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSOCIATION ANGKOR WAT. (E) GENERAL DIEN DEL - LIVES IN VIRGINIA. WAS FAIRLY GOOD OFFICER AND SERVED AS COMMANDER OF THE SECOND DIVISION. (F) HENG KIM Y - NO INFORMATION. (G) PIN YATHAY - ONE OF FOUR FORMER DIRECTORS OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER LON NOL. REFORMIST, 34, VERY BRIGHT. (SEE BANGKOK A-234 1977 FOR FULL REPORT ON PIN YATHAY'S ESCAPE FROM CAMBODIA.) ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSOCIATION DES JEUNES INTELLECTUELS IN PARIS. (H) KEO SAN - ASSOCIATED WITH ASSOCIATION DES ANCIENS COMBATTANTS EN FRANCE. (I) IN TAM - IN CONFIDENTIAL

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UTAH. FORMER PM, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. WELL-KNOWN POPULIST, STIPP POPULAR WITH REFUGEES. ASSOCIATED WITH ASSOCIATION SEI HA (AUGUST ASSOCIATION). (J) LOK SEM - WE HAVE INFORMATION ON A LOK SIEN, WHO MAY BE THE SAME PERSON. LOK SEM IS 41, BORN IN PREY VANG, ATTENDED THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL IN OKINAWA. LOK SEM IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FRANCE, CAMBODGE, LAO ASSOCIATION. (K) EAR NGUON - A SINO-KHMER, GEM MERCHANT FROM PAILIN, CAMBODIA. CURRENTLY IN BANGKOK, HE FUNDS SOME RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES FROM HIS JEWELRY SHOP ON SILOM ROAD. HAS TIES WITH CONSERVATIVE RTG MILITARY FIGURES.

4. COMMENT: WHETHER THIS IS A SERIOUS EFFORT OR SIMPLY SOMEONE'S LIST, THIS GROUP IS UNLIKELY TO OUST POL POT. MOST ARE "OVER THE HILL" OR OTHERWISE DISCREDITED.  
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